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Calvin College's Catholic Charities office plans to hold a March 9 "Cookie boycott" to coincide with the nation's celebration of National Girl Scout Day.

CATHOLIC CHARITY MUST PROVIDE BIRTH CONTROL

By Paul Elias
ASSOCIATE PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO - A California Supreme Court ruling that a Roman Catholic charity must provide employees with birth-control coverage despite its opposition to contraception "shows no respect to the state's religious organizations, a spokeswoman for the church's policy arm said.

Last Monday, the 6-1 decision, which will be the first direct ruling on birth-control coverage since the Supreme Court established in 1919 that religious groups have a constitutional right to be exempt from certain government programs, set off a reaction that is likely to be incorporated into California law in the future.

In fact, Justice Kathryn Werdegar wrote that a "significant majority" of the people served by the charity are not Catholic. The court also noted that the charity employs workers of differing religious beliefs.

Officials from the California Catholic Conference said it was disappointed with the ruling. "It shows no respect to our religious organizations," said Kevin Hagan.

Experts said the ruling could affect thousands of workers and church-related hospitals and institutions in California and prompt the state to share the employer because it offers such secular services as counseling, low-income housing and immigration services to people of all faiths, without directly preaching Catholic values.

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National Red Cross Awareness Month stresses safety

By JoAnn Sanders
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Men's National Red Cross chapter

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guy understand our part," child
development junior Kris Becker
said. "It takes two to make a baby."

Political science senior Chris
Schwartz agreed that both men
and women should be concerned about
safe sex.

"It's only fair that (birth control)
be offered to both sexes," he said.
In 1995 the pill was the leading
contraceptive method among
women younger than 30. The male
condom followed closely as another
popular method of contraception,
according to the National Center
for Health Statistics.

Besides creating contraception
equality, the pill also provides
other benefits. Schwartz also said
moms who care about their kids,
"Not only are you supporting pro-
grams that are helping to uplift
women at Cal Poly but you're also
getting to experience very passionate
women leaders and getting to hear
what women are thinking on the
issues," Anderson said.

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given literature on homosexuality,
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deliver the cookies that they
have backed, the tutor prompted
the Waco area and 13 other coun-
tries to overcome their fears about
giving blood and to come and
donate."

"I did it as part of a Greek week
philanthropy," Stephenson said. "I
was kind of scared at first but it
wasn't as bad as I thought it was going
to be."

The Tri Counties Blood Bank
was at the Cenzo Vista residence hall March 4 to give Cal Poly
students a chance to help achieve the
goals of the Red Cross.

The Tri Counties Blood Bank is the only Blood donation center in San Luis Obispo.

On March 2, a group of students from a Boc 121 presented President
Baker with an award for allowing the
Tri Counties Blood Bank to come to
Cal Poly throughout the year. Cal Poly students donated more than
50 units of blood in 2003 that will be
distributed throughout San Luis Obispo County.

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disaster preparedness, water safety
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Garage sale painting sells for $1M

NEW YORK (AP) — A man who paid $5 for a 19th century painting he bought at a garage sale has sold it to a museum for $1 million, an art publication reported.

The unidentified 29-year-old found Joe Decker's "Reaping Peas" wrapped in a blanket at a Los Angeles garage sale three years ago, the report in ARTnewsletter said. Decker painted it around 1884 or 1885.

"It's too good to be true," said Ward, Meredith E. Ward, who served as the executive vice president of the museum which purchased it.

"This is happening even as conditions associated with malnutrition — like anemia, caused by an iron deficiency in diets lacking leafy greens — continue to plague poor children," said Jay Panuchs, a health economics expert at Stanford University's medical school.

"We work hard for you ... even when we're on vacation. — Mustang Daily
Big box, BIG DEAL?

One reporter investigates how local independent record stores are faring in the age of Best Buy  

STORY BY BRIAN KOZERO

The big-box stores debate continues to fester in San Luis Obispo. Some claim locally-owned stores are being pushed out by large, corporate chains. Others say competition is a part of business, and it benefits the consumer by providing a wider variety of products at a lower cost.

Keeping these two arguments in mind, the question should be answered: How are local music stores doing now that Best Buy is in town?

Entering the Best Buy in Madonna Plaza, that "new store smell" lingers in the air. An immediate "How are you, tonight, sir?" shoots at me from the left. Venturing forth after a polite exchange of words, my eyes squint. The white-tile floor provides enough reflection from the lights above that complimentary welder's helmets should be handed out at the door.

I took a gander at the CD section, the sound of A Perfect Circle blowing out a speaker in the stereo department providing my soundtrack. Young couples, college students and that guy who always wears sweatpants, all flipped through discs and checked out prices.

"It's cheaper," said Samantha, a Cuesta College student. "They have a way bigger selection, too!"

Kevin, a Cal Poly environmental science junior, said he also spends less at Best Buy.

"They usually have what I want, and they're closer to my house," he said.

Matt, serving you since 2003, waits at a counter next to the front exit. As he makes sure customers are charged for the items they leave with, I ask him if he ever hears any remarks about working here.

"The majority of people don't complain, otherwise they wouldn't be here," he said. "No one has ever told me we were hurting local businesses." —

Walking in through the propped-open door of Boo Boo Records on Monterey Street, I am greeted by an employee with a shaved head. "What's up, man?" he said as he rang up a customer with an Eric Clapton CD.

A man in his early 50s thumbs through the Wooden artist section. With a white flannel over a T-shirt and a green beanie pulled over his short hair, I ask him why he shops here.

"I like to support local businesses... I just like places that have soul," he said.

The cashier, Chris, said many people shop at Boo Boo to show support for non-corporate businesses.

"People who come here know that we have hard-to-find items, and we're local," he said. "The combination helps us."

Chris Boo Boo Records cashier

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**Sports**

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A man whose tenure spanned an incredible 33 years and who’s touch led the college to the highest levels of intercollegiate competition.

"Bill taught me the approach philosophically to being an A.D," McCutcheon said. "When he passed away, it was a revelation to me."

It was reported that as many as 800 colleagues, alumni and friends attended Pyne’s funeral.

Both Flynn and McCutcheon experienced one of the greatest plans in college football in their time in the Boston College.

In McCutcheon’s position, the passion of sports can take a back seat to the responsibilities of the department. But like any sport fan, he can recall one of his favorite moments like it’s still happening in front of him.

"I see myself standing there like it was yesterday," said McCutcheon.

He speaks of the 1984 Miami Boston College football game where quarterback Doug Flutie capped an incredible game with a half-mary to win the game.

"Miami had just scored," said McCutcheon like an announcer at the event. "And it was the Friday after Thanksgiving. You had two Heisman candidates and six lead changes. The press box had empty seats and everyone figured it was too bad we had lost. Then he threw the pass... I had a lot of special moments there."

But after more than a decade of helping Boston College come to prominence in Division I sports, during which he helped create the Silvio J. Conte Federal and its athletic department office and new basketball and hockey arena, McCutcheon packed his bags and headed for Cal Poly.

"When I’ve taken a position, I’ve worn the job through," McCutcheon said. "But there’s always new things on the radar."

At Cal Poly, his first priority was to move the school to Division I.

"In 1992, we could either declare D I or decline the offer. My recommendation was to start now. Damn the torpedoes, if we didn’t do it then we wouldn’t be able to take advantage of the excitement," said McCutcheon.

Humble and quick to turn the credit, McCutcheon said about the accomplishments he’d had at Cal Poly, "It’s never one person. You never want to be dependent on one person, it hasn’t been done in a vacuum. Luckily I’ve had tremendous people around me, some of the most talented people I’ve been around, and they keep the ship afloat."

After moving to Cal Poly, McCutcheon’s sights were set on establishing the university in a conference. He found that conference in the Big West.

"The evolution of the Big West has been significant," McCutcheon said. "At the time, half the other teams were IA and the other half weren’t. That format was complicated and the schools moved in and out. The problem was the identity of the conference. Now we’ve got our Cal Poly schools and we’re starting to put together a market and TV packages."

McCutcheon, nearly a decade removed from his accomplishments at Boston College, and remembered at Cal Poly for more than a decade of improvement, looks to return to where he started, and where much of his family lives nearby.

McCutcheon won’t forget what he’s done here as he starts his career at UMass.

"We don’t know how far we can go," said McCutcheon of Cal Poly, "A lot of schools find their niche, but ever time this school takes a step it doesn’t stop there. It has the intangibles that you can’t build."
McCutcheon: the one that got away

By Dan Watson

McCutcheon was athletic director at Cal Poly for 12 years.

John McCutcheon was athletic director at Cal Poly for 12 years.

He might be best remembered for his renovation projects which included new seating and a weight room at Mott Gym and the new Sports Complex with on-campus baseball and softball fields.

But before Cal Poly experienced his vision, Massachusetts, the place he called home for more than 15 years, felt his impact.

"Coming out of college, I knew my senior year what I wanted to do," McCutcheon said. "I knew that's (sports business) where I wanted to be."

John

McCutcheon

"He had a fabulous sense of humor," Cone said. "Now that he's leaving I can let the cat out of the bag. Very precise, very detail-oriented, perfect in some regards. He had integrity that wouldn't waiver and wasn't ever tempered by shortcuts."

Consider the man's accolades. In McCutcheon's time at Cal Poly, the athletic accomplishments include 11 team NCAA playoff appearances, 11 Big West Conference selections, 21 All-American honors and two NCAA National Champions.

He was instrumental in moving the Mustangs to Division I. He helped create the America West Conference and later led 16 out of 20 sports into the Big West Conference.

Since he arrived, the athletic department doubled its staff to more than 50 employees.

Giant's new catcher tries to change rep

A.J. Pierzynski rubbed some in the American League the wrong way

By Jane Mc Caulley

There will be no need for A.J. Pierzynski to introduce himself to his new opponents in the National League.

He's made himself known all around baseball — and not for being a nice guy.

The San Francisco Giants catcher is the first to point out he will do whatever it takes to take back a teammate, and he realizes he's one of the most unpopular players in the game.

He'd like to change that. Pierzynski has irritated umpires, coaches, opposing hitters and even his own teammates at times.

Is he misunderstood?

"I hope people understand that I just play hard and I want to win," Pierzynski said. "I do everything I can to help my team win the game, and if it involves standing up for one of my guys I'll stand up for my guys. And I won't back down."

"I can't, because I'll be the first to admit I'm not the most talented guy in the world. I'm not the best hitter or the best catcher in the best anything. I have to find an edge and I have to be competitive. I have to outwork. That's why I've been successful and that's what I do," he said.

He is especially hated in Oakland. During the 2002 AL division series, Pierzynski hit a two-run homer of Athletics closer Billy Koch in the ninth inning of the decisive Game 3 to help lead the Minnesota Twins to the ALCS. The A's say Pierzynski then made a remark to Oakland catcher Greg Myers while celebrating.

Last May in Oakland, the benches cleared twice when the teams were in town. Pierzynski exchanged words with A's catcher Ramon Hernandez at one point.

"I think he's a nice guy off the field," said former Minnesota teammate Bobby Kielty, a new outfielder with the A's. "On the field, he does some lame stuff. He knows he does some lame stuff."

New season, new position for Dodgers' Green

By John Nadel

VERO BEACH, Fla. -- Shawn Green is learning a new position on the field and refining an old swing at the movies. Green is neither encouraged by his progress. One of baseball's top sluggers in 2001-02, Green is trying to reverse a sub-par year.

Slowed by an injured right shoulder, he had offseason surgery. Strictly a right fielder in four seasons with Los Angeles, he began taking grounders at first base almost two months ago in winter workouts at Dodger Stadium.

Although Green started at first base Wednesday in the Dodgers' exhibition opener against the Mets, nothing is etched in stone.

"In a best-case scenario, I'll be back in right field," he said. "But if this happens, a year from now, I might look back and say I prefer first base. I know I'm going to make more mistakes than somebody who's been there his whole career."

As Green spoke, he pounded the barrel end of a bat into the first baseman's glove he's breaking in.

He looked just fine at first against the Mets on Wednesday, making a fine stop of Jose Reyes' line shot to end the second inning and hitting a single and two-run double in his two at-bats.

"It helps to make a play on a ball hit pretty hard," Green said afterward. "A few of those will give you confidence. I feel better than I expected to feel. And it's nice to get a couple hits on the first day."

Green, 31, hit .281 with 14 home runs and 85 RBIs last year -- a huge drop-off from the previous two seasons when he hit 297 with a franchise-record 49 homers and 125 RBIs in 2001 and .285 with 42 homers and 114 RBIs in 2002.

An explanation for his problems came in September when the left-handed-hitting Green admitted his right shoulder had hampered him all year.

He said Wednesday it began bothering him about this time last year.

"It had been bothering me and off for years -- a longer magnitude of a short period of time," Green said. (The Dodgers) knew what was going on. It was the type of thing you play through. There were some at-bats where it was hard to take a decent swing."

"It was out of whack. If I get a little tiff, I don't produce. If I do everything right, I can put up numbers for a long period of time. There were times it didn't hurt as bad. The swing was already off."

Green had surgery Oct. 14 to have cartilage removed from the shoulder.

"It was like I had a bunch of hangnails in there," he said.

As Green struggled, so did his team, scoring a major league-low 74 runs.

The 27-year-old Pierzynski was traded to the Giants from Minnesota in November for right-handed reliever Joe Nathan and two minor league.

Pierzynski hit .312 with 35 doubles, 11 homers and .285 with 35 doubles, 11 homers and 74 RBIs last season and made $365,000. He was an All-Star in 2002.

He hopes to earn back some respect this season.

"I think it's getting to the point where it's kind of funny now," he said of his image. "Everything has just kind of taken on a life of its own. I might as well run with it now. Why not? You don't want people to write bad things or say bad things about you."

Dustin Mohr, Pierzynski's teammate in Minnesota and now again in San Francisco, is quick to offer support.

He believes some players need just to learn how to ignore Pierzynski.

"I think he's gotten a bad rap for sure," said Mohr, who believes Pierzynski gives his team an edge. "He is fiery, that's the best way to put it. He wants to win and he wears his emotions on his sleeve. At the same time, he can be irritating because he's such a competitor. It has snowballed into this bad image. For some reason, he rubs the people wrong. As a teammate, there's no better teammate."

But Pierzynski doesn't have time to be worried about his reputation right now.

He needs to quickly learn a new pitching staff, and he's making a point of talking to each pitcher early in spring training.

"The pitching staff is the most important part of the team, and my No. 1 job is to get to know these guys, make them feel comfortable with me and how I go about my business," he said. "I'm ready to definitely look forward to. In a short time, you have to build a relationship."

Manager Felipe Alou isn't concerned -- he trusts Pierzynski to be a capable replacement for Benito Santiago, who ace Jason Schmidt credits for his success last season.

"This guy is feeling at home right now," Alou said. "He's a special guy and catcher."